MEMBERSHIP

In March 2019 FTGS membership stood at approximately 538 and now amounts to 597 (January 2020). This continues the trend of steady membership growth since 2005.

FINANCES

The FTGS financial balance (2019/January 2020) was $23665.86 (as compared to 18002.38 in 2018). Growth in our budget can amongst other things be explained by our fundraising for the 2020 joint reception at the Annual Convention as well as growth in membership.

In addition to the reception, this year our major expenses are the graduate student paper award ($500) and two new awards for conference support for Early Career Scholars from Marginalized Groups ($800 each) as well as our reception.

Fundraising for the 2020 joint FTGS/WCIS/LGBTQA reception has generated around 6140 US dollars through the generosity of the following sponsors:

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Thus, the sponsoring total 2020 amounts to 6140.73 US dollars. The reception Budget amounts to approximately $5425. (compared to $4742 spent in 2019—Toronto hotel costs were considerably lower).

REPORT ON 2018 ANNUAL CONVENTION PROGRAM:

Submission Statistics (Honolulu 2020):

1st – Panels 25  1st – Papers 188  1st-RT 11
2nd – Panels 15  2nd -Papers 115  2nd RT
Panel submissions in 2019 were 19. Roundtable submissions were 11. Individual paper submissions were up from 154 to 188 (1st Papers) and 115 for (2nd Papers).

FTGS received an allocation of 36 panels (as compared to 40 panels in 2019) and managed to get a total of 32 through co-sponsorships.

The FTGS program items breakdown 2020:
Crafted panels 32
Submitted panels 29 (including one Townhall panel)
Roundtables 10
Distinguished Scholar 1
Total: 72

**Our Awards**

1. **FTGS Early Career Award for Community Engagement**: The FTGS Early Career Award For Community Engagement committee was chaired by Roberta Guerrina (incoming chair). Dr Akanksha Mehta, Department of Media, Communications and Cultural Studies, Centre for Feminist Research, Goldsmiths University, London, has been given the 2019 FTGS Early Career Award for Community Engagement. Dr Akanksha Mehta is an ideal winner for the FTGS ECR Community Engagement Award. She completed her PhD in 2017 and is currently co-director of the Centre for Feminist Research at Goldsmiths. Her doctoral thesis was awarded the Best Dissertation Award by the European International Studies Association (EISA) in June 2018. Her work focuses on the intersections of gender, sexuality, race and 'everyday' politics and violence. As an educator and researcher, she is fully committed to engage students and colleagues in critical, intersectional, and decolonial approaches. Her commitment to using the classroom as a space to challenge and re-shape practices should be highlighted here. She was awarded the Rachel Tanur Memorial Prize in Visual Sociology by the International Sociological Association. She has worked actively to link her research to activist praxis. This is evident in her engagement with the Goldsmith’s Anti-Racism Action campaign. Her work seeks to both challenge the structures of power at the heart of the academy and instigate collective action to promote the rights of workers both within the academy and beyond. She has consistently supported the work of the Goldsmith’s Workers Action Group, reaching out to all workers within her local community.

2. **FTGS Book Prize**: The committee, chaired by Denise Horn (outgoing chair) received 14 nominations. After careful consideration of each book in terms of originality, impact and rigor towards furthering feminist theory and gender studies in the field of IR, the committee selected Dr. Sara Motta who will be honored at the joint FTGS/WCIS/LGBTQA reception in Hawaii. Sara works at the University of Newcastle, Australia, Newcastle Business School. The title of her prize winning book is Liminal Subjects: Weaving (Our) Liberation and it has been published by Rowman and Littlefield International, Lanham, Maryland. The committee agreed that Sara’s book is brave and that her theorization of love is very original and thought provoking in the contexts of international studies, IR and feminist theory. It touches on a range of important feminist issues and developments and is an original contribution to feminist theory and a source of inspiration for feminist practice. Her reasoning on spiritual feminism should be mentioned here too. The book is beautifully written, original and makes a strong contribution to feminist theory.
3. **FTGS Student Paper Award:** The Graduate Student Paper award committee was chaired by Dr Thomas Gregory. The committee evaluated papers against the criteria of originality, rigor and relevance. The committee received a total of eight nominations, and they were all excellent, but the winner María José Méndez, Department of Political Science at the University of Minnesota stood out. The title of Maria’s paper is “Disrupting the continuum of violence: Women gang members re-dressing and cross-dressing injury in Central America”. One committee member commented that ‘this is an astonishing paper; I’ve never read anything quite like it: it seems very original to me. It is a grueling, but rich and nuanced reading of women’s gang violence’. Another committee member commented that they ‘loved it’, arguing that ‘this was without a doubt the most original, engaging and feminist paper of the lot’. The award comes with the opportunity to submit the paper to the International Feminist Journal of Politics. Our honorable mention goes to Aiko Holvikivi for her paper “Beyond ‘co-optation vs. transformation: The paradoxical pedagogy of training the troops on gender”.

4. **FTGS Eminent Scholar Award:** The FTGS Eminent Scholar Award committee (chaired by Annika Bergman Rosamond, FTGS chair) received three nominations and the winner of this year’s FTGS Eminent Scholar Award this year is Professor Jacqui True, University of Monash, Australia; Professor of International Relations and Director of Monash University’s Centre for Gender, Peace and Security. Jacqui True has made an impressive contribution to International Relations feminist theory for about 20 years. She is continuously at the forefront of feminist research, being located within feminist international political economy, sexual violence in conflict, gender and foreign policy, feminist research methods etc. She has consistently supported feminist engagement in positivist and post-positivist methodologies, in qualitative and quantitative methods. Her empirical research is rich and includes Post-communist Europe, APEC trade talks, the Global Financial Crisis, violent extremism in Asia, gender participation in peace processes. Her leadership is inclusive, and she has herself been very active in FTGS.

5. **The FTGS convention awards:** The committee was chaired by Annika Bergman Rosamond. The Honolulu 2020 award winners are Claudia Zanardi and Ariel Mekler. The grant aims to support early career scholars and scholars from marginalized groups to encourage attendance at the ISA annual conference. Two grants are available at $800 each, to cover four nights of accommodation at convention hotels, but may be used as the awardee sees fit.

**Members of the Executive Committee**

**Section Chairs (three-year term):**
Chair: Annika Bergman Rosamund, Lund University, Sweden (2018-2021)
Outgoing Chair: Denise M. Horn, Simmons University, US, (2017-2020)
Incoming Chair: Roberta Guerrina, University of Bristol, UK (2019-2022)

**Program Chair/co-chairs (three-year term):**
Thomas A. Gregory, University of Auckland, Australia (2019-2020)
Catherine Goetze (co-chair 2020-2021)
Catherine Eschle (co-chair 2020-2021)

**Members at large (two-year terms):**
Maria Martin de Almagro, Inniesta, Member -at-large, University of Cambridge (2018-2020)
Shine Choi, Member-at-Large, Massey University, 2018-2020.
Theresa de Langis, Member-at-Large, American University of Phnom Penh
Itziar Mujika Chao, Member-at-Large, University of Basque Country (2019-2021)
Maria Tanyag, Member-at-Large, Monash University (2019-2021)
Tiina Vaittinen, Member-at-Large, University of Tampere (2019-2021)

Graduate Student Members (one-year terms):
Khushi Singh Rathore, Jawaharlal Nehru University (2019-2020)
Sophie Schor, University of Denver (2019-2020)

FTGS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP AND COMMITTEES

FTGS Roles/committees 2019-20, amended 1 October 2019 Individuals serving on committees

• Annika Bergman Rosamond: (Chair 2019-2020) Eminent Scholar (chair*); FTGS Early Career Award, Travel Grant, Townhall (chair), communications – plus liaising with ISA, fundraising for reception.
• Denise Horn: (Outgoing chair 2019-2020) Book award (chair), Eminent scholar, travel grant
• Roberta Guerrina; (Incoming Section Chair 2020-21) early career award for Community Engagement (chair), nominations, communications – plus taking forward consultation/action plan proposal
• Tom Gregory: (programme chair 2019-2020) grad student paper (chair), early career award
• Catherine Goetze: (future program co-chair 2020-2021) eminent scholar, book award, townhall, inclusion and transformation – plus drafting excomm induction handbook
• Catherine Eschle: (future program co-chair 2020-2021) nominations (chair), grad student paper, townhall, inclusion and transformation
• Maria Martin de Almagro Iniesta (member at large 2018-2020) eminent scholar award, grad student paper, inclusion and transformation
• Shine Choi (member at large 2018-2020) inclusion and transformation (chair), early career award, grad student paper, townhall
• Theresa de Langis (member at large 2018-2020) town hall, nominations, early career award - plus helping Catherine G with induction doc/handbook for new exco members
• Itziar Mujika Chao: (member at large 2019-2021) book award, inclusion/transformation, nominations
• Maria Tanyag (member at large 2019-2021) Book award, grad student paper, nominations – plus offer to help with visa issues/finding alternative conferences
• Tiina Vaittinen: (member at large 2019-2021) travel grant, townhall
• Khushi Singh Rathore: (graduate student 2019-2020) early career award, travel grant, nominations, inclusion and transformation – plus offered help with twitter
• Sophie Schor: (graduate student 2019-2020) early career award and book award

FTGS COMMITTEES

• Eminent Scholar: Annika (chair), Denise, Maria M., Catherine G.
• Grad Student Paper: Tom (chair), Catherine E., Maria M., Maria T., Shine
• Nominations (executive committee of section): Catherine E. (chair), Sophie, Roberta, Khushi, Itziar, Theresa, Maria T.
• Book Award: Denise (chair), Catherine G, Maria T., Itziar, Sophie
• Communications: Annika, Roberta
• Early Career Award for Community Engagement: Roberta (chair), Khushi, Tom, Shine, Theresa, Sophie, Annika
• Convention for scholars from marginalized groups and global south: Annika (chair), Denise, Tiina, Sophie, Khushi
• Town hall: Annika (chair), Theresa, Shine, Tiina, Catherine E. and Catherine G.
• Inclusion and transformation**: Shine (chair), Catherine E., Catherine G., Khushi, Itziar, Maria M.

In addition, some ad hoc tasks have been carried out:

Roberta G.- consultation/survey and action plan; Maria T. - visa issues/alternative conferences; Khushi – twitter; Catherine G./Theresa - induction handbook

*All committees, program and section chairs are to produce/update handover docs for the benefit of their successors

Nomination Committee

The Nomination Committee has solicited nominations for the 2019-2020 leadership team. The committee consists of Catherine E. (chair), Sophie, Roberta, Khushi, Itziar, Theresa, Maria T and Thomas. The final decision on the composition of the Executive committee is yet to be taken. 3 student members, 13 members-at-large, two co-chairs and two chairs were been nominated.

Important Ongoing Initiatives

1. FTGS Website – The Communication Committee, chaired by Annika Bergman Rosamond, will resume the development of Gendering World Politics https://genderingworldpolitics.com/ throughout 2020. The website engages FTGS members in the areas of research, pedagogy, activism, ISA and section news. The section hopes the website will gain wider recognition in the future, enabling insightful and useful communication and sharing of resources for FTGS members. This year we have mainly communicated such information on the FTG Facebook site, Twitter and through ISA. Throughout 2019 we discussed the need to appoint a communication officer, drawing upon the productive experiences of the LGBTQA Communications Officer – an appointment that lasts for two years and involves the digital communications of that grouping. The FTGS section is committed to developing a similar post as soon as possible.

2. In March 2019 we awarded two members of FTGS an ISA convention grant for the first time. This procedure was formally institutionalized in the Autumn of 2019 with two individuals receiving an award each amounting to 800 US dollars. The Honolulu 2020 award winners are Claudia Zanardi and Ariel Mekler. The grant aims to support early career scholars and scholars from marginalized groups to encourage attendance at the ISA annual conference. Two grants are available at $800 each, to cover four nights of accommodation at convention hotels, but may be used as the awardee sees fit. Applications were due in December 2019, and awardees were decided by the Inclusion and Transformation subcommittee (Annika Bergman Rosamond). First consideration is given to scholars affiliated with or graduating from institutions that do not enjoy significant resource and geographical privilege, particularly from the Global South, and who have a record of ongoing participation with the FTGS section.

3. In addition, we are the process of introducing a co-sponsored Tereisa Teaiwa award, the specifics of which will be announced at ISA 2020. The first awardee will receive the award in 2021. Teresia Teaiwa (1968-2017) was a feminist committed to decolonizing scholarly knowledge. Teresia’s many and diverse contributions were framed by a feminist commitment to examining the relationships between gender, militarism and the militarization. Teresia’s work exemplifies the way in which the intellectual projects of Global Development (GDS) and Feminist Theory and Gender Studies (FTGS) are intertwined. Moreover, the award aims to foster a closer working relationship between GDS and FTGS.
In addition to the ongoing activities described above, we actively seek to decolonize FTGS, for example, by encouraging a diverse composition of the FTGS ex. committee, and, by using the 2020 Townhall meeting in Hawaii as a safe space to exchange ideas regarding the decolonization of FTGS and ISA more broadly. We have, amongst other things, invited a range of local activists to the Townhall meeting. The Townhall gathering is an open meeting slot that feminist scholars at ISA use to discuss questions and concerns amongst its members. As part of our ongoing effort to try and shift the white, Anglo-American-centric nature of our section, and the narrow research agenda that follows on from that, we are inviting a diverse group of ‘local’ feminist experts from or connected to the Pacific Islands and Oceania to talk about their research and/or activist priorities. We hope to use the session to both learn about and from those priorities, to reflect on what feminism and gender studies might mean in this context, and also, if possible, to use our platform to issue a collective statement from the section in support of a particular issue of concern.